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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, PORG, AORG, AFIN, LA, UK, US

SUBJECT: ICC/LAOS CONTRIBUTION

REF: A. LONDON 15521; B. STATE 239520; C. VIENTIANE 5770

1. WE HAVE SEEN NOTHING TO SUBSTANTIATE BRITISH FEELING
(REF A) THAT PGNU CONSIDERING OR MOVING TOWARD NOTIFYING
CO-CHAIRMEN IT IS WILLING TO TERMINATE ICC, AND WE WOULD
BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING FURTHER LONDON OR VIENTIANE
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MAY HAVE ON THIS. WE ARE MORE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH MALIK

THAT PGNU WILL WANT TO RETAIN ICC UNTIL APRIL 1976 ELECTIONS (VIENTIANE 5770). AS INDICATED IN STATE 239520, WE SEE NO UTILITY FOR US IN ITS CONTINUATION UNTIL THEN.

2. FOR LONDON: YOU SHOULD DISCUS THIS FURTHER WITH FCO. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER MAKING FURTHER US CONTRIBUTIONS TO ICC/LAOS FOR THIS CALENDAR YEAR ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TERMINATION OF ICC AND THE DEFRAIVING OF ITS TERMINATION EXPENSES. FYI: BRITISH EMBOFF HERE TELLS US FCO HAS ICC QUESTION 'UNDER STUDY' AND LAST MONTH HAD INSTRUCTED BRITISH EMBASSY, VIENTIANE TO PURSUE THE ISSUE WITH PGNU. IF INDEED PGNU HAS GIVEN THE BRITISH INDICATIONS THAT IT WOULD FAVOR TERMINATION (REF A), WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD SUFFICE TO GET THINGS MOVING TOWARD THAT END. END FYI.

3. FOR VIENTIANE: IF PRESSED BY MALIK, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT FURTHER U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDING 3RD QUARTER ONE FOR THIS YEAR STILL UNDER REVIEW. KISSINGER

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